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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: RECLAMATION
AND REVEGETATION OF DISTURBED LAND (02.05-31)

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1. ON JULY 6 EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FROM SOVIET PROJECT
LEADER GRISHAYEV (DATED JUNE 30) FOR HIS US COUNTERPART
CAHILL. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS PARA 2
BELOW. ORIGINAL POUCHED TO EPA FOR SHOSTAL, REGISTRY
NO. 1911757. HYDROMET REP TOLD EMBOFF THAT SOVIETS HAD
EXPECTED US DELEGATION TO VISIT ONE ONE OR TWO PLACES
FOR IN-DEPTH STUDY; HOWEVER, SOVIETS ARE NOW ARRANGING
BROADER "FAMILIARIZATION" TRIP AS REQUESTED BY U.S.

2. DEAR MR. CAHILL:

I CONFIRM RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 15 AND I WILL
TRY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS. WE HAVE NO COMMENTS
CONCERNING THE PROPOSED PROGRAM IN THE USA FOR
SOVIET RECULTIVATION SPECIALISTS.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE COMPOSITION OF THE SOVIET
DELEGATION:

DR. PYETR FEDOROVICH LOYKO - DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
THE STATE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR LAND
RESOURCES, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (LEADER OF THE
DELEGATION)

DR. ALEKSANDR PAVLOVICH KRASAVIN - DIRECTOR OF THE
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF THE COAL MINISTRY

ANDREI DAVIDOVICH GOGATISHVILI - HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF LAND RECULTIVATION OF THE GEORGIAN SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF SOILS STUDIES, AGRONOMY, AND
RECLAMATION

CONSIDERING THAT THE AGREEMENT OF THE US SIDE TO RECEIVE
THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS WAS DELAYED AND CAUSED CERTAIN
DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING AIR TICKETS, THE DEPARTURE
OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE USA HAS BEEN
RESCHEDULED FOR JULY 30. CONCERNING THE VISIT OF FOUR
AMERICAN SPECIALISTS TO THE USSR, SINCE THE US
PREFERS TO CONTINUE GENERAL FAMILIARIZATION WITH SCIENTIFIC
AND WITH PRACTICAL WORK IN LAND RECULTIVATION IN
OTHER REGIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION, PROPOSING AN
ANALAGOUS PROGRAM TO THE VISIT OF THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS
IN THE USA, WE CAN ONLY RECEIVE THE AMERICAN SPECIALISTS
AT THE END OF AUGUST OR THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER.
ATTEMPTING TO SATISFY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE
YOUR WISHES TO VISIT RECULTIVATION SITES IN THE
WESTERN AND EASTERN REGIONS OF OUR COUNTRY
REQUIRES ADDITIONAL TIME TO WORK OUT A PROGRAM AND AN
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ITINERARY FOR THE US SPECIALISTS. WE WILL SEND YOU A MORE
EXACT DATE FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE AMERICAN SPECIALISTS
LATER. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD SEND
INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOUR AMERICAN SPECIALISTS. I HOPE
THAT AFTER THE EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS OF SPECIALISTS IN
1978 WE CAN FINALLY REACH AGREEMENT AT THE FORTHCOMING
MEETING OF THE LEADERS OF THE WORKING GROUP CONCERNING
JOINT WORK ON MORE CONCRETE QUESTIONS IN PROJECT
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